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October 15, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

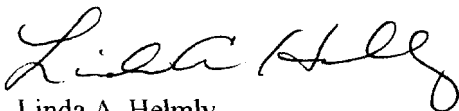
On July 25, 1997, BellSouth's application to provide long distance service in South Carolina was **unanimously** approved (7-0) by the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC certified that BellSouth has met the 14 point competitive checklist included in the Federal Act and they affirmed that BellSouth's entry into the long distance business is in the public interest.

I support the South Carolina Commission's decision, and I urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to act quickly to review and approve BellSouth's application to provide long distance service to business and residential customers in my state. Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers, and new information age jobs for workers throughout the state.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 authorizes the FCC to take up to ninety days to approve long distance applications from the regional Bell companies. In light of the findings of the South Carolina Public Commission, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application in no more than 30 days. The citizens of South Carolina want the very real benefits that new competition in the long distance market will bring them.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Linda A. Helmly
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing in support of BellSouth's application to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide long distance service to businesses and residential customers in the state of South Carolina.

On July 25, 1997, BellSouth's application was unanimously approved by the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC certified that BellSouth has met the 14 point competitive checklist included in the Federal Act and they affirmed that BellSouth's entry into the long distance business is in the public interest.

I support the South Carolina Commission's decision. Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers, and new information age jobs for workers throughout the state.

Even though the Telecommunications Act of 1996 authorizes the FCC to take up to ninety days to approve long distance applications from the regional Bell companies, in light of the findings of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Reed Hundt
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing today to support BellSouth's application to provide long distance service to business and residential customers throughout the state of South Carolina. This will result in better prices, services and choices for the people of South Carolina. When the Federal Communications Commission has this matter under review, I urge the Commission to approve this request as soon as possible.

BellSouth has already met the 14 point competitive checklist as certified by the South Carolina Public Service Commission, and was unanimously approved 7-0 by the Commission on July 25, 1997. I, too, approve of BellSouth's entry into the long-distance business as being in the public interest.

I urge you and the Commission to approve of this application without delay so that the citizens of South Carolina may begin to enjoy the very real benefits of new competition in the long distance market.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I urge you to view the BellSouth request in a most positive light.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Along with many, many other South Carolinians, it is my honest feeling that BellSouth's application to the Federal Communications Commission for approval to provide long distance telephone service in this state should be approved without delay.

Our Public Service Commission in South Carolina unanimously approved BellSouth's application to be a long distance provider last July. It is my personal conviction, and that of many others, that BellSouth has met all of the requirements in the Federal act regarding competition in the telecommunications industry. Thus, there can be no doubt that BellSouth's entry into the long distance business is in the public interest.

The express intent of my letter is to urge you to approve BellSouth's application in no more than 30 days. We look forward to better service, better prices and greater choices for business and residential customers and expanded opportunities for jobs in the telecommunications industry, which we think has a very bright future in South Carolina, thanks to BellSouth.

Sincerely,

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